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SUMMARY OF INFORMATION DOC. NO. RC. 582.		
<p>1. Information available to this Office indicates Wolfgang Paul HOEHLER, who resides at LEIPZIG, Klingenstrasse 17, with his mother and son, related to a reliable source that he at one time had been a member of the GEHLEN Organization in BERLIN, but had been cut off from all information and access to dossiers, and therefore, severed connections with the GEHLEN Organization and went to East Germany, taking some of the GEHLEN Organization's files with him. (B-6)</p> <p>2. SUBJECT further related that when he defected to East Germany he obtained a position with a newspaper in East BERLIN. In 1953 he went to LEIPZIG, where he was appointed Economic Editor/Reporter of the "National Zeitung," which position he holds at the present time, receiving a monthly salary of 1,400 East Marks. SUBJECT stated that during his spare time he works for "Abteilung III" (Department III of the SSD (Staatssicherheits Dienst - State Security Service), which is Intelligence, for which he receives no salary. (B-6)</p> <p>3. Because of his work with "Abteilung III," SUBJECT related that the GDR is continually learning the names of Western Intelligence agents operating in East Germany. Every day many agents of the GEHLEN Organization, the Fighting Group Against Inhumanity, and the Association of Free Jurists are apprehended in the East Zone. These agents have the mission of sabotage and espionage. East German Intelligence has proved that the organizations which send the agents into the East are sponsored and paid by the Americans. Many such agents have requested and received asylum in the East and have turned over considerable material to East German Intelligence. (B-6)</p> <p>4. SUBJECT requested Source to obtain names of members of the GEHLEN Organization in West Germany, as well as names of former members of the Brandenburg Division who are now in the Amt fuer Verfassungsschutz (Office for the Protection of the Constitution), and members of the Political Section of the German Police. SUBJECT explained to Source that he wanted the data on the members of the GEHLEN Organization because his office in East Germany knows that there are presently 1,800 persons in the GEHLEN Organization, that it is supported by the Americans, and that the Organization is to be cut in strength to approximately 2,000 persons. SUBJECT believes that of the 1,800 relieved from the GEHLEN Organization, some can be approached with the purpose of obtaining names of persons remaining in the employ of the GEHLEN Organization. (B-6)</p> <p>5. SUBJECT stated that a (Fnu) BENZINGER is responsible for the GEHLEN Organization in southwestern West Germany, located at KARLSRUHE. BENZINGER had worked for "Organization JOHN" of West German Intelligence until 1950, at which time he began working for GEHLEN. SUBJECT stated that BENZINGER was arrested for high treason by DOWNGRADING DATA CANNOT BE PREDETERMINED. (continued)</p>		
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West German Police and is interned in the hospital section of the State Prison in DARMSTADT. SUBJECT believes that BENZINGER resides with the widow of a former sawmill owner in KARLSRUHE.																
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